

American Legion Section

LEGION CHIEF REFUSES TOGA

Baltimore, Md., Feb. 3.—Hanford MacNider, national commander of the American Legion, has refused an appointment to the United States Senate seat vacated by Senator William S. Kenyon, Republican, of Iowa, upon his appointment to the bench of the eighth district U. S. circuit court of appeals, according to a statement made today by Col. Washington Bowie Jr., at an American Legion executive meeting. MacNider was present but refused to comment on the statement.—Associated Press.

No Legionaire can fail to take interest in this decision made by his national commander. MacNider places a higher value on his present post than a seat in the United States Senate. It is obvious that in times of peace a law maker's task is but to express the will of the people, tempered by the policies of his political party. MacNider as commander of the largest organization representing men and women in all walks of life in the nation has the far greater task of welding together public opinion that is national in its scope and not hampered by sectionalism, partyism, race or class. And this national public opinion will be the guide of the law makers regardless of what party is in power.

What the American Legion is to the nation, the post is to the community; and the post can accomplish its worthy mission only thru your efforts. The average American has the reputation of being indifferent to how his country is run. It has always been a matter of party policies with him. For the first time in the history of the country the peace time problems can be influenced by an organization that is national in character. As a Legionaire yours is not a privilege to be treated lightly. MacNider's valuation of his post as head of the American Legion as above that of a seat in the United States Senate, depends upon your performance. It is your duty to see that Kauai Post No. 2 lives up to the ideals of the American Legion. You can accomplish this only by attending meetings and taking an active part.

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A jury brought in a verdict of \$8,887 for Jones, who had only sued for \$1,000. The judge set aside the verdict as excessive.

Some days later, Jones' lawyer met the foreman of the jury on the street.

"How, in the name of sacred cats did you reach such a conclusion?" he asked the foreman.

"I don't quite understand it myself," was the reply, "but it was all O. K. We agreed for the plaintiff. But everybody had his own idea of the amount. One feller said \$1,000, another said \$50, another said \$500 and so on. So we struck an average; each man put down what he thought was right and I added them together. I know there seems to be something wrong with the verdict, but I'm hanged if I see what it is."

The above anecdote was filched from the Bursts and Duds page, where it would have been well up a high average of humor, but it is unfair and insulting—probably impossible. It misrepresents the average jurymen as a stupid individual. But most of us would have laughed at it, because we are not generally inclined to take juries seriously. Amusement rather than interest is too often the attitude of citizens towards jury service. It is to forget that for lack of a capable jury an innocent man may lose his liberty—or his life.

Alvin M. Owsley, national director of Americanism for the American Legion, has called attention to the duty of jury service. He points out that every good American should make use of his franchise and prevent miscarriage under the jury trial system.

The better the jury, the better the justice. If we withhold our most able service from the administration of justice, we may be consenting to the administration of injustice. To regard jury duty lightly, or apathetically, permits of a mental attitude contrary to the Legion's program for the upholding of law, which is based on justice, and order, which is impossible with injustice.—American Legion Weekly.

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John Doe, Legionaire, Kauai Post No. 2. Dear Buddy:—

This is your section and we want it to contain what interests you. So it is up to you to let us know what is going on.

If you should strike oil, get a

Twin Six Packard as a gift, inherit a million or so, or become the father of triplets, which is of course not impossible, we know you wouldn't blow about it. But none the less, your comrades will be eager to know of your good fortune and will want to be on deck to congratulate you and get a free drink, so it is up to you to drop the good news—casual like—to any of the gang named below and they will see that it gets into print.

Of course, you are not going to get hung, hold up a bank, or commit murder, but according to the newspaper headlines nine-tenths of all these little stunts are now being pulled by ex-service men, so if we are to believe these makers of public opinion, it is not at all impossible that one of your buddies will be in on a party of this nature and we'll expect you to put us next.

There is but one thing that we insist upon, and that is authenticity. (Don't blame the last word on us. We had it down "truth," but Charlie Fern substituted authenticity. He said Webster says they mean the same thing. I guess Charlie met a lot of them educated guys when he was flying.) Anyway truth—authenticity is what we want. If we say a thing we don't intend to take it back the next time we get into print. Getting things wrong in the papers sure gets a bird into a lot of trouble. My grandpa attended an annual dinner of the Confederate veterans once and he got up and tells them how he won the war. It was a good speech, according to grandpa. The toastmaster referred to the old veteran as a "battle scarred veteran," and the next day the paper had it a "battle scared veteran." That was 20 years after the war and pretty far back to remember whether the toastmaster or the new paper bird was authentic, but anyway grandpa told him to change it. The next day the newspaper said he was a "bottle scarred veteran." That couldn't be because the war was fought in the United States and not France. All this happened in the hills of Georgia and concluded in the usual manner. That afternoon after they had buried the newspaper editor they sent a telegram to New York for a new one.

Maybe that couldn't happen here, but we could get in dutch if we said something that wasn't so, and we don't intend to take nothing back, once we've said it. If we print that some fellow has been hung when he hasn't he might get sore about it. The best we can do under the circumstances is to say that he was cut down before becoming deceased. If we come out with the fact that one of you is engaged, which we will be glad to do, as all the fellows will want to get the dope to offer their sympathies, and it turns out to be a false alarm, don't expect us to deny it in our section. The only possible thing would be a compromise to the effect that the Jane had jilted you.

So give us the straight dope. Remember our motto: Tell a girl you love her if the moon effects you that way, but don't put it in writing or you'll be walking some infant to sleep a year from now.

Yours truly,

EDITOR,

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P. S.—Here is a list of the men who will take any glad or otherwise tidings you may have to offer.

L. V. Alexander, Kapaa.
W. E. Eklund, Kapaa.
G. K. Akana, Kilauea.
H. Brandt, Waimea.
C. Gomez, Lihue.
Elwyn Livesey, Lihue.
N. E. Weight, Kealia.
J. Fernandez, Waimea.

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At the last meeting of the American Legion, Kauai Post No. 2, two new members were accepted. R. L. Garlinghouse and H. B. West. During the recent unpleasantness over in France, Garlinghouse kept his shoes nicely polished, his hair brushed and wore clean clothes and a natty sailor suit. He was in the navy. West was a cutie catcher. Yes, he was in the army.

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"They certainly did give Jones a wonderful burial."

"What! Is Jones dead?"

"Well, if he isn't they've played a mean trick on him."

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She—Mary Jane is an out and out optimist.

He—Meaning?

She—She doesn't care a darn what happens.

He—So long as it doesn't happen to her.

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Editor American Legion Section.

Dear Sir:—

I am confronted with a social problem that I cannot solve and I

am writing you because I think you are able to advise me.

When calling on a girl I hope to make my fiancé, what is the proper manner of saying good night, the chaperone being present.

Yours very truly,

DOUBTFUL.

Dear Doubtful:—

You showed very good judgment in calling on me to advise you. I had an opportunity as recent as last Wednesday night of convincing myself that there is but one rule to cover the case in question. Follow it always and you can't go wrong. Kiss the chaperone good night first.

Yours for more success,

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Dear Sir:—

In order to settle bet we would like to know where you were on the night of February 8th.

Yours,

BILL and JAKE.

Dear Bill and Jake:—

I wouldn't mind telling you where I was on the night of February 8. Let's see, that was er— Say that was on last Wednesday night and it's none of your business where I was.

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